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To provide for the issuance of a Multinational Species Conservation Funds
Semipostal Stamp.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself and Mr. WHITEHOUSE) introduced the following
bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland
Security and Governmental Affairs

A BILL

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Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Multinational Species
5 Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp Act of 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. MULTINATIONAL SPECIES CONSERVATION FUNDS**
7 **SEMIPOSTAL STAMP.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—In order to afford a convenient
9 way for members of the public to contribute to funding
10 for the operations supported by the Multinational Species

1 Conservation Funds, the United States Postal Service
2 shall issue a semipostal stamp (hereinafter in this Act re-
3 ferred to as the “Multinational Species Conservation
4 Funds Semipostal Stamp”) in accordance with succeeding
5 provisions of this section.

6 (b) COST.—The Multinational Species Conservation
7 Funds Semipostal Stamp shall be offered at a cost equal
8 to the cost of mailing a letter weighing 1 ounce or less
9 at the nonautomation single-piece first-ounce letter rate,
10 in effect at the time of purchase, plus a differential of
11 not less than 25 percent.

12 (c) OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The issuance
13 and sale of the Multinational Species Conservation Funds
14 Semipostal Stamp shall be governed by the provisions of
15 section 416 of title 39, United States Code, and regula-
16 tions issued under such section, subject to subsection (b)
17 and the following:

18 (1) DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS.—

19 (A) IN GENERAL.—All amounts becoming
20 available from the sale of the Multinational
21 Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp
22 (as determined under section 416(d) of such
23 title 39) shall be transferred to the United
24 States Fish and Wildlife Service, for the pur-
25 pose described in subsection (a), through pay-

1 ments which shall be made at least twice a
2 year, with the proceeds to be divided equally
3 among the African Elephant Conservation
4 Fund, the Asian Elephant Conservation Fund,
5 the Great Ape Conservation Fund, the Marine
6 Turtle Conservation Fund, and the Rhinoceros
7 and Tiger Conservation Fund.

8 (B) PROCEEDS NOT TO BE OFFSET.—In
9 accordance with section 416(d)(4) of such title
10 39, amounts becoming available from the sale
11 of the Multinational Species Conservation
12 Funds Semipostal Stamp (as so determined)
13 shall not be taken into account in any decision
14 relating to the level of appropriations or other
15 Federal funding to be furnished in any year
16 to—

17 (i) the United States Fish and Wild-
18 life Service; or

19 (ii) any of the funds identified in sub-
20 paragraph (A).

21 (2) DURATION.—The Multinational Species
22 Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp shall be
23 made available to the public for a period of at least
24 5 years, beginning no later than 12 months after the
25 date of the enactment of this Act.

1 (3) STAMP DEPICTIONS.—Stamps issued under
2 this Act shall depict images of flagship multinational
3 species, such as African and Asian elephants, rhinoc-
4 eros and tigers, marine turtles, and certain species
5 of great apes.

6 (4) LIMITATION.—The Multinational Species
7 Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp shall not be
8 subject to, or taken into account for purposes of ap-
9 plying, any limitation under section 416(e)(1)(C) of
10 such title 39.

11 (d) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this Act, the term
12 “semipostal stamp” refers to a stamp described in section
13 416(a)(1) of title 39, United States Code.

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